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Frederick County Health Department

# ***Public Health Alert***

DATE: October 30, 2020

## **Woman Scratched by Puppy on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, behind the Weis in Brunswick, MD. Seeking Owner of Dog.**

A woman was scratched by a puppy behind the Weis in Brunswick, Maryland, at approximately 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. The scratch occurred when the victim was riding her bike and the unleashed puppy jumped up on her. The people with the dog are described as a girl with brown hair and a woman with light hair. The dog is described as a small, light-brown haired Lab-type puppy roughly 3 months old.

The Frederick County Health Department is requesting that the owner, or anyone who has information regarding the animal, contact Frederick County Animal Control (FCAC) so the victim may avoid receiving unnecessary and expensive post-exposure rabies vaccinations. Contact is needed to confirm the animal's health and whereabouts. The animal will be quarantined, which can occur in the owner's home, for 10 days to monitor its health. If the animal is verified to be in good health 10 days after the bite, the victim will not need to receive the series of post-exposure rabies vaccinations, and the animal will be allowed to resume normal activity. The owner or anyone who has information about the animal is asked to contact Frederick County Animal Control at 301-600-1544.

If you or someone in your family is bitten or scratched by a dog or cat, obtain contact information from the animal's owner so that appropriate action can be taken. Report bites to Animal Control at 301-600-1544. Report possible human exposure to Community Health Services at 301-600-3342. For general rabies questions call Environmental Health Services at 301-600-1715. Visit [health.frederickcountymd.gov/RABIES](http://health.frederickcountymd.gov/RABIES) for more information.

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